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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AD HOC GROUP MEETING, JUNE 13, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ITS JUNE 13 MEETING, THE AD  
HOC GROUP DISCUSSED THE JUNE 11 INFORMAL SESSION  
WITH THE EAST (FULL REPORT MBFR VIENNA 0061 AND 0062).  
GROUP AGREED THAT THE JUNE 18 INFORMAL SHOULD STAY  
ON THE SUBJECT OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED  
FROM THE OUTSET. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON HOW EASTERN  
CONTENTION THAT UK AND CANADA SHOULD REDUCE AT SAME  
TIME AS US AND USSR COULD BE TURNED TO ALLIED  
ADVANTAGE. GROUP AGREED THAT CANADIAN REP WOULD  
DELIVER PLENARY STATEMENT ON JUNE 20 AIMED AT

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CLARIFYING ALLIED POSITIONS AND THUS FURTHER

RUBUTTING KHLESTOV PLENARY STATEMENT OF MAY 30.  
GROUP ALSO HEARD REPORTS OF BILATERALS, APPROVED  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (TEXT MBFR VIENNA 0064), AND  
DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

BILATERAL

2. FRG REP (BEHREND) CIRCULATED COPIES OF  
MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH BULGARIAN  
AND POLISH REPS ON JUNE 5, 1974 (MBFR VIENNA 0065  
AND 0067) AND REPORTED ON A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION  
HE HAD WITH SOVIET REP KHLESTOV ON JUNE 10. HE LATER  
DISTRIBUTED MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION (MBFR VIENNA  
0073).

3. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) SAID HE FOUND THIS  
SOVIET EMPHASIS ON COMMITMENTS BY ALL DIRECT  
PARTICIPANTS INTERESTING IN LIGHT OF RECENT EASTERN  
REMARKS WHICH SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT EAST MIGHT  
BE SUGGESTING A COMMITMENT ON PART OF ALL STATIONED  
FORCES (I.E. US, UK AND CANADA) AS A POSSIBLE  
ALTERNATIVE. USDEPREP NOTED THAT DURING JUNE 11  
INFORMALS EAST HAD COMMENTED THAT INITIAL REDUCTIONS  
BY STATIONED FORCES US, UK, CANADA AND USSR WOULD BE  
A MORE LOGICAL APPROACH THAN LIMITING INITIAL  
REDUCTIONS TO THE US AND USSR. US REP CIRCULATED  
TEXT OF A BILATERAL HE HAD WITH SOVIET REP (KHLESTOV)  
(MBFR VIENNA 0060) AND COMMENTED THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR  
TO SOVIET REP THAT WEST HAD MADE AN IMPORTANT MOVE  
IN OFFERING THE NON-INCREASE OF FORCES AND FIXED  
PERIOD OF TIME CONCEPT AND THAT THE NEXT MOVE WAS UP  
TO THE EAST. SOVIET REP HAD PLAYED DOWN IMPORTANCE  
OF WESTERN MOVES AND SHIFTED CONVERSATION TO DISCUSSION  
OF WHY CANADA AND UK SHOULD REDUCE AT SAME TIME AS US.

JUNE 11 INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPS

4. US REP SAID HE HAD TWO GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE  
JUNE 11 INFORMAL (VIENNA MBFR 0061/0062). FIRST, HE  
THOUGHT IT ENCOURAGING THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ATTEMPTING  
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TO MODIFY THEIR SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL TO MAKE  
IT MORE PALATABLE TO THE WEST. SECONDLY, HE NOTED  
THAT EAST WAS DELIBERATELY TRYING TO BROADEN AGREED  
TOPIC OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET.  
US REP FELT EAST WAS TAKING THIS TACK SINCE THEY  
REALIZED THAT THE INFORMALS WERE CURRENTLY PROCEEDING  
IN A MANNER THAT WAS DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR POSITION.  
FOR THIS REASON HE SUGGESTED THE WEST PURSUE TOPIC OF

WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM OUTSET AGAIN IN  
NEXT INFORMAL AND HOLD SOVIETS TO AGREED TOPIC.

5. BELGIAN REP (ADRIAENSSEN) AGREED THAT THE ALLIES  
SHOULD PUSH THIS TOPIC FURTHER BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO  
TOTAL THE BALANCE SHEET ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID IT  
WAS CERTAINLY TOO EARLY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTS OF THE  
WESTERN PRESENTATIONS AT THIS POINT. HE WENT ON TO  
SAY THAT POLISH REP STRULAK'S COMMENT DURING INFORMAL

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(PARA 7) THAT LINK BETWEEN A FIRST STEP AND A  
SUBSEQUENT LARGER ONE WAS AN IDEA WHICH FOUND  
ALLIED APPROVAL, APPEARED TO BE AN INDICATION THAT  
EAST WAS NOT ALTOGETHER UNWILLING TO DISCUSS  
WESTERN CONCEPT OF PHASING. (COMMENT: STRULAK WAS

AT THIS POINT ARGUING FOR EASTERN CONCEPT OF A  
"FIRST STEP." (END COMMENT) US REP OBSERVED THAT  
THE "SYMBOLIC REDUCTION" TERMINOLOGY SEEMS NOW TO  
HAVE BEEN REPHRASED AS "AN INITIAL FIRST STEPZ  
UK REP (ROSE) SAID THIS WAS ONE OF MANY OPENINGS  
HE SAW THAT ALLIES COULD PURSUE IN AN ENSUING SESSION  
ON THIS TOPIC. HE SAW EASTERN INTEREST IN MODIFYING  
AND REDEFINING THEIR SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL AS  
PROVIDING SUFFICIENT SCOPE FOR AT LEAST ONE AND  
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POSSIBLY TWO MORE INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT.  
UK REP FELT THAT AHG WAS IN GOOD POSITION TO DEVELOP  
ANOTHER PRESENTATION ON THIS GENERAL TOPIC AND  
SUGGESTED BUILDING ON CLARIFICATION OF WESTERN FIXED  
PERIOD OF TIME AND REVIEW PROVISION CONCEPTS. UK  
REP REMARKED THAT EAST HASN'T ASKED MORE SPECIFIC  
QUESTIONS IN THESE AREAS AND THEY MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE  
AREAS TO COVER IN THE NEXT INFORMAL.

6. ACTING ITALIAN REP (TALIANI) ASKED WHETHER, WHEN  
STRULAK REFERRED (PARA 38) TO TWO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS  
RELATING TO FINDING COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE TWO  
SIDES - ONE ADDRESSING WHICH PARTICIPANTS WOULD  
REDUCE FROM THE OUTSET IN ADDITION TO US AND USSR  
AND THE OTHER THE EXTENT OF THE OBLIGATION TO BE  
ASSUMED BE IT A REDUCTION OR A FREEZE - WAS  
STRULAK SHOWING WHAT HE VIEWED AS ACCEPTABLE OR  
WAS HE SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE WESTERN  
POSITION? US REP SAID THAT HE FELT STRULAK WAS  
MERELY SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE WESTERN POSITION  
AND WAS NOT SHOWING ANY SPECIFIC INTEREST IN THE  
ALTERNATIVES. US REP SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN  
ENCOURAGING SIGN AS THE EAST MAY COME TO REALIZE  
THAT PERHAPS THERE IS A MIDDLE GROUND.

7. US DEP REP NOED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH SEARCH  
FOR MIDDLE GROUND, ALLIES MIGHT QUESTION EAST ON  
THEIR PROPOSITION TO INCLUDE UK AND CANADA IN FIRST  
STAGE REDUCTIONS WITH US AND USSR. IF EAST EXPANDED  
ON THIS THEME, ALLIES MIGHT THEN TURN REASONING AROUND  
AND SAY IF EAST WILLING TO DEFER SOME REDUCTIONS (I.E.  
WESTERN EUROPEAN) TO A SECOND PHASE, WHY NOT ALL  
EXCEPT U.S.? CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) AGREED WITH THIS  
APPROACH. HE SAID HE SAW EASTERN REFERENCE TO FIRST  
PHASE UK AND CANADIAN REDUCTIONS AS A PLAN TO SEPARATE  
UK AND CANADA FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES AND WARNED  
THAT ALLIES MUST BE ALERT TO THIS DANGER AND NOT PLAY  
INTO EASTERN HANDS. AS A SECOND POINT CANADIAN  
REP NOTED KHLESTOV'S INTEREST IN A CHRONOLOGICAL

PLAN OF WESTERN COMMITMENT. HE SAID ALLIES MUST  
URGE NATO TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PARTICIPATION ISSUE  
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SO WEST COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOVIET INTEREST.  
CANADIAN REP NOTED RECENT SOVIET QUESTIONING ABOUT  
WHEN FORCES OF OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WERE  
GOING TO BE REDUCED RATHER THAN HOW MUCH THEY WOULD  
BE REDUCED AND WONDERED IF THIS WERE SIGNIFICANT.  
US REP COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS  
REPRESENTED A CHANGE IN EASTERN VIEWS. IF WESTERN  
COUNTRIES WERE NOT COMMITTED TO REDUCE A SPECIFIED  
AMOUNT THEY WOULD NOT REALLY BE OBLIGATED, AND  
THIS IS WHY EAST HAS NOT PRESSED WEST ON SIZE OF  
REDUCTIONS AT THIS POINT. UK REP SAID THAT IT WOULD  
BE WORTHWHILE TO DRAW EAST OUT ON THEIR PROPOSAL  
TO INCLUDE UK AND CANADA IN FIRST PHASE REDUCTIONS  
ALONG WITH US AND USSR BUT THAT SUCH AN UNDERTAKING  
MUST BE HANDLED VERY CAREFULLY. IF USED AS A PLOY  
TO DRAW EAST OUT ON SUBJECT OF DEFERRING REDUCTIONS,  
IT MUST BE DONE UNDER GUISE OF QUESTIONING EASTERN  
VIEWS WITHOUT GIVING INDICATION OF WESTERN INTEREST  
IN SUCH A PROPOSAL OR THAT EASTERN RESPONSES WILL  
BE SUBSEQUENTLY USED IN TACTICAL MANEUVER.

8. ITALIAN ACTING REP SAID HE NOTED THAT AT  
ONE POINT IN THE INFORMALS (PARA 20), WESTERN  
SPOKESMAN HAD SAID THAT EASTERN REDUCTION PROPOSAL  
WAS UNCLEAR, WAS THE REFERENCE TO THE INITIAL  
REDUCTION PROPOSAL OR TO THE CONCEPT OF A FOLLOW-ON  
STEP? UK REP SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED THE QUESTION  
AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT DISPOSITION THE EAST SAW  
FOR FORCES WITHDRAWN BY THE UK AND CANADA, BUT  
WHEN EAST RESPONDED WITH COMMENT ON SIZE OF  
REDUCTIONS HE HAD LET THE MATTER DROP AS HE DID  
NOT WANT TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION ON THAT TOPIC.

9. FRG REP COMMENTED THAT HE DOUBTED EAST  
WAS SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING ANY THOUGHT OF  
RESTRICTING INITIAL REDUCTIONS TO STATIONED  
FORCES. HE SAW THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT AS EASTERN  
PLOY TO GET WEST TO SHOW HOW CANADA AND UK WERE  
SAME AS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES, THEN EAST WOULD  
TURN AROUND INTO ARGUMENT THAT ALL FORCES MUST BE  
REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET. FRG REP SAID WEST MUST  
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BE CAREFUL IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE OR THEY WILL  
BE DRAWN INTO EASTERN POSITION.

10. NETHERLANDS REP COMMENTED THAT STRULAK  
HAD REMARKED THAT ALLIES TWO-PHASED PROGRAM HAD  
AS ITS OBJECTIVE CHANGING THE EXISTING BALANCE

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OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THAT SUCH AN  
OBJECTIVE WAS UNREALISTIC. NETHERLANDS REP SAID  
THAT HE THOUGHT WEST NEEDED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION  
ON MBFR OBJECTIVES AND FINAL OUTCOMES TO CLARIFY  
THE WESTERN POSITION AND TO RESPOND TO THE EAST'S  
CRITICISM. THE WEST SHOULD PRESENT ITS CASE FOR  
A NEW AND MORE STABLE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

WEST SHOULD ALSO CHALLENGE EASTERN ASSERTION THAT WESTERN NON-INCREASE PROPOSAL WOULD FREEZE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. WEST SHOULD SHOW THAT NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT WOULD BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASYMMETRICAL US/USSR PHASE ONE REDUCTIONS WHICH WOULD ALTER EXISTING FORCE RELATIONSHIP IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND WOULD

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EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A COMMON CEILING. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIETS WERE TALKING ABOUT A REVIEW PROCEDURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL AND THAT THIS WOULD INDICATE A PERMANENT RATHER THAN A TRANSITORY ROLE FOR THE SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS PROPOSAL. HE ALSO WAS CONCERNED OVER PRECISE IMPLICATIONS OF KHLESTOV'S QUESTIONING OF SCOPE OF US/USSR REDUCTIONS AND THEIR EFFECTS UPON SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE SAW THIS AS AN ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS AND WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT.

11. US REP SAID HE THOUGHT NETHERLANDS REP WAS GENERALLY CORRECT IN HIS ASSESSMENT AND THAT HE SAW NO WILLINGNESS ON PART OF SOVIETS TO DEPART FROM THEIR INSISTENCE ON EQUAL REDUCTIONS BE IT EQUAL NUMBERS OR EQUAL PERCENTAGES. HE SAID THAT STRULAK'S STATEMENT ON INEQUALITY OF WESTERN PROPOSAL BROUGHT THIS OUT. US REP SAW NO EASTERN GIVE ON QUESTION OF EQUALITY OF TREATMENT ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME MOVEMENT ON PHASING OR THE FORCES TO BE COVERED.

12. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE PREFERRED TERM "MIDDLE GROUND" TO "FIRST STEP;" THE TERM "FIRST STEP" HAD IMPLICATIONS HE DIDN'T LIKE. WEST MUST KEEP ITS OVERALL PROGRAM IN MIND AT EVERY POINT AND NOT BE DEFLECTED. TERM FIRST STEP WAS INOFFENSIVE BUT HAD IMPLICATION THAT IT WAS EMBARKING ON UNCHARTED TERRITORY AND ALLIES SHOULD GUARD AGAINST THIS. BELGIAN REP SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS SOVIETS WERE MAKING A PLAY ON WORDS AND TRYING TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE. EAST WAS REALLY LEADING INTO OLD SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL UNDER GUISE THAT IT WAS A TEST OF WESTERN WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT STRULAK HAD INCLUDED REFERENCE TO A REVIEW PROVISION IN ONE OF HIS STATEMENTS AND THAT THIS MIGHT BE A SIGN OF EASTERN INTEREST IN SUCH A PROPOSAL. UK REP REMARKED THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY SHY AWAY FROM EASTERN WORDS.

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PERHAPS WEST COULD TURN EASTERN FIRST STEP PROPOSAL INTO NATO'S FIRST PHASE PROGRAM IF SUBJECT WERE APPROACHED WITH CARE. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THIS WAS TRUE, BUT ONE MUST REMEMBER THAT WORDS ARE NOT NECESSARILY LINKED TO PROGRAMS OF EITHER SIDE.

13. ACTING ITALIAN REP SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ACCEPTING KHLESTOV'S FIRST STEP PROPOSAL AND FELT WEST MUST TIE IN COMMON CEILING CONCEPT EARLY OR WILL FIND ITSELF NEGOTIATING ON EASTERN PROPOSAL. NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED ITALIAN VIEW AND SAID WEST SHOULD NOT ACCEPT KHLESTOV'S PROPOSAL, BUT SHOULD STAY WITH TOPIC OF WHOSE FORCE SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET. HE SAID IN THIS CONTEXT WEST NEEDS NAC DECISION ON POSSIBLE COMMITMENT BY ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE II, SO IT CAN BE ADVANCED TO EAST AS APPROPRIATE. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE SAW EAST AS TRYING TO ELIMINATE ASYMMETRY FROM WESTERN PROPOSAL AND THAT THIS WAS APT TO SURFACE IN NEXT INFORMAL.

NEXT INFORMAL SESSION WITH EAST (JUNE 18, 1974)

14. CHAIRMAN (NETHERLANDS REP) NOTED A CONSENSUS THAT JUNE 18 INFORMAL SHOULD STAY WITH TOPIC OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM OUTSET. IN HIS NATIONAL CAPACITY, HE OBSERVED THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE OTHER SIDE NOW APPEARS FOCUSED ON OVERCOMING WESTERN INSISTENCE ON UNEQUAL RATIOS OF CUTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT NEXT INFORMAL SESSION ALSO ADDRESS THIS TOPIC. UK REP POINTED OUT IN RESPONSE THAT ALLIES NOW TRYING TO GET OTHER SIDE TO AGREE TO CONCEPT OF PHASING. HE THOUGHT INSTEAD THAT ALLIES SHOULD MANEUVER EAST INTO POSITION WHERE THEY PROPOSE INITIAL US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS ALONG WITH SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS FOR OTHERS, AND WE PROPOSE PHASE ONE US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS COUPLED WITH NO-INCREASE COMMITMENTS. AT THAT POINT, ROSE SUGGESTED, THE ALLIES COULD INTRODUCE AN "ALL FORCES" COMMITMENT TO BRING THE EAST FURTHER ALONG. NETHERLANDS REP AGREED

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TOFOCUSING NEXT INFORMAL ON PHASING, AND SUGGESTED



THAT DELEGATIONS CULL PRIOR EASTERN STATEMENTS FOR  
POINTS (E.G., MENTION OF "LINKS") TO WHICH ALLIES  
COULD SELECTIVELY RESPOND TO FOCUS TOPIC ON AND GET  
ACCEPTANCE OF PHASING. US REP RESPONDED WITH OFFER  
TO TABLE BY 17 JUNE DRAFT TALKING POINTS INCORPORATING  
VIEWS OF AHG. FOLLOWING WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES FOR

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NEXT INFORMAL SESSION WERE AGREED ON: US REP  
AND DEP REP, UK REP, AND CANADIAN REP.

PLENARY MEETING OF JUNE 20, 1974.

15. UK REP THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MAKE  
FAIRLY GENERAL STATEMENT OF REBUTTAL TO KHLESTOV'S  
MAY 30TH BROADSIDE AT WESTERN PROPOSAL. HE FELT  
THAT AMB. RESOR'S JUNE 6 REPLY ADDRESSED SOME,

BUT NOT ALL OF KHLESTOV'S POINTS, AND THAT SOME POINTS NOT YET REBUTTED COULD SOUND PLAUSIBLE TO A DETACHED READER. THE WESTERN STATEMENT, HE THOUGHT, SHOULD NOT BE SO MUCH A DENIAL OF KHLESTOV'S ASSERTIONS BUT SHOULD, RATHER, CONTAIN SOME FAIRLY ROBUST POINTS OF REBUTTAL SET IN THE CONTEXT OF A  
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FAIRLY POSITIVE GENERAL STATEMENT. CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED SETTING THE WESTERN STATEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF A "MID-TERM REVIEW" OF THE THIRD SESSION. RESPONDING TO THE CHAIRMAN'S QUERY AS TO EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC POINTS IN KHLESTOV'S MAY 30TH STATEMENT HE FELT STILL NEEDED TO BE REBUTTED, UK REP CITED TWO: IGNORING FORCE POSTURE CHANGES IN EUROPE OVER THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESTRICT ATTENTION TO THE PRESENT, INSTANTANEOUS "CORRELATION OF FORCES," AND MAKING REFERENCE TO US BASES ON THE PERIMETER OF THE TREATY AREA, WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME ALLUDING TO SOVIET FORCES ON THE PERIMETER, SUCH AS THOSE IN HUNGARY AND IN THE THREE SOVIET WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS. ON THE SAME NOTE NETHERLANDS REP ADDED A THIRD POINT NEEDING REBUTTAL: KHLESTOV'S ACCUSATION THAT THE WEST WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGE THROUGH ITS PROPOSAL, WHEREAS THE EASTERN PROPOSAL OF A SYMBOLIC REDUCTION FOR ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD ITSELF CERTAINLY ENSHRINE A UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGE IN FAVOR OF THE EAST. AFTER SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THESE POINTS, THE CANADIAN REP WAS SELECTED TO MAKE A WESTERN STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES AT THE JUNE 20 PLENARY.

16. CHAIRMAN OBSERVED IN PASSING AND RECEIVED GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT DISCUSSIONS ON FORCE DEFINITIONS AND DATA PROBABLY BE STARTED WITHIN THE AHG EARLY DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 17, IN ANTICIPATION OF INTRODUCING THE TOPIC IN INFORMAL SESSIONS.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17. SECGENREP (COHEN) PRESENTED A REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS WHICH LED TO DISCUSSION OF WHETHER MONEY COULD BE SAVED ON INTERPRETERS. BELGIAN ACTING REP (WILLOT) ARGUED THAT INTERPRETERS HAD TO BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF AGREED ALLIED POSITION THAT A PLENARY COULD BE CALLED AT ANY TIME. CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT IF INTERPRETERS ON  
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TWO DAYS A WEEK WOULD SAVE MONEY, PLENARIES  
COULD EASILY BE SO SCHEDULED, AND AN EMERGENCY  
PLENARY COULD IF NECESSARY BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT  
FULL INTERPRETATION. AHG AGREED TO INVESTIGATE  
WHETHER THERE WOULD INDEED BE SAVINGS. (COMMENT:  
BELGIAN DESIRE FOR FULL-TIME AVAILABILITY OF  
INTERPRETERS IS BASED ON POSITION THAT OPEN-  
ENDED WORKING GROUPS SHOULD TAKE OVER MAIN BURDEN  
OF CONFERENCE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.  
END COMMENT).

18. BELGINA DEPREP (WILLOT) REPORTED THE POLISH  
REP (STRULAK) HAD EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR  
SETTING THE NEXT RECESS IN NEGOTIATIONS FROM JULY  
21 TO SEPTEMBER 16, 1974. THERE WAS GENERAL  
AGREEMENT IN THE AHG TO ACCEPT THESE DATES ON A  
STRICTLY TENTATIVE BASIS.

19. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AHG IS SCHEDULED FOR  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1974. RESOR

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